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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. References AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AG, AH, AK, AL, AM and AN were cited during prosecution of parent application U.S. Ser. No. 09/406,592, and copies of each of the references can be found in the PTO file for the parent application.

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